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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Washington, DC 20240

IN REPLY REFER TO:

BIA-2019-00815

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Dear Beryl Lipton:

Indian Affairs received your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated March 15, 2019, on March 15, 2019 and assigned it control number BIA-2019-00815. Please cite this number in any future communications with our office regarding your request.

We are writing to respond to your request on behalf of the Indian Affairs FOIA Office.

Much of the information you requested is publicly available. The "Budget materials" portion of your request can be located at <https://www.bia.gov/as-ia/obpm/greenbook> then click the year you are interested in. The "Staffing orders/reports/contacts" portion of your request can be located at <https://www.doi.gov/foia/DOI-FOIA-Annual-Reports> then click the "DOI FOIA Annual Report" for the year you are interested in. The "contact information" portion of your request can be located at <https://www.doi.gov/foia/contacts>. The "FOIA fee waivers" portion of your request can be located at <https://www.doi.gov/foia/DOI-FOIA-Annual-Reports> then click the "DOI FOIA Annual Report Raw Data" for the year you are interested in. The "FOIA fee collection" portion of your request can be located at <https://www.doi.gov/foia/DOI-FOIA-Annual-Reports> then click the "DOI FOIA Annual Report Raw Data" for the year you are interested in. For any portion of your request not listed above or responded to in the attached document, after a thorough search, we were not able to locate any records.

We have attached approximately 77 pages, which are being released to you in their entirety.

We do not bill requesters for FOIA processing fees when their fees are less than \$50.00, because the cost of collection would be greater than the fee collected. See 43 C.F.R. § 2.37(g). Therefore, there is no billable fee for the processing of this request.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. 552(c). This response is limited to those

records that are subject to the requirements of FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

The 2007 FOIA amendments created the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) to offer mediation services to resolve disputes between FOIA requesters and Federal agencies as non-exclusive alternative to litigation. Using OGIS services does not affect your right to pursue litigation. You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Records Administration
8601 Adelphi Road – OGIS
College Park, MD 20740-6001
E-mail: ogis@nara.gov
Web: <https://ogis.archives.gov>
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Please note that using OGIS services does not affect the timing of filing an appeal with the Department's FOIA & Privacy Act Appeals Officer. If you have any questions about our response to your request, you may contact Kelly Meacham by phone at (202) 513-7707, by email at kelly.meacham@bia.gov, or by mail at 1849 C Street, NW, MS-4146-MIB, Washington, DC 20240.

You also may seek dispute resolution services from our FOIA Acting Public Liaison, Heather Garcia, by phone at (202) 208-3135 or by email at heather.garcia@bia.gov.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'K. Meacham', written over a faint dotted line.

Kelly Meacham
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Office of the Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs